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New Jersey Highlands Coalition **ACTION ALERT!**

Two Wrongs Do Not Make a Right!

**Don't Let PSE&G Undermine Good
Environmental Policy and Planning.
Tell the DEP NOT to Allow Segmented
Applications.**

**Call DEP Commissioner Bob Martin
TODAY - Thursday, June 10, 2010
- and urge him NOT to allow PSE&G
to segment its applications and
undermine the National Park Service.**

**The DEP phone number is
(609) 292-2885 - ask to leave a
message for the Commissioner!**

**We need your help to stop PSE&G from segmenting its DEP
Freshwater Wetlands and Flood Hazard permit applications for
the Susquehanna-Roseland transmission lines.** PSE&G recently
submitted these permit applications to the DEP. The applications were
incomplete and flawed, and the DEP responded with a four-page letter
requiring PSE&G to provide substantial additional information, make
numerous adjustments to the project, and provide mitigation for all
loss of forests. In response, PSE&G is trying to split the project into
two separate application areas to circumvent the DEP process.

The applications for the project are to be divided at Hopatcong, so that PSE&G can begin construction on the eastern portion of the project - from Hopatcong to Roseland - this summer. The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area lies in the western portion of this proposed "split" applications. The National Parks Service has yet to issue its scoping document for the Delaware Water Gap, as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. NEPA requires federal agencies to integrate environmental values into their decision-making processes by considering the environmental impacts of their proposed actions and reasonable alternatives to those actions. ***By splitting the application, PSE&G is undermining the NEPA process.***

The Susquehanna-Roseland transmission line expansion is an unnecessary project proposed by PSE&G and its Pennsylvania counterpart, PP&L that ***is fueled by greed, not need.*** The project consists of adding 500 kV power lines to the already existing 230 kV. To achieve the increase in transmission capacity they will need to build 75 towers - as high as 195 feet - and create 80 access roads. Environmentalists have been opposing this project from the onset because of serious ecological impacts, negative affects on air and water quality, reduced property values and public health concerns.

Today, seven regional and national organizations are asking their members to make this call. Let's make sure Commissioner Martin hears our message loud and clear!

Please help us oppose PSE&G's piecemeal application and support good environmental policy and planning!

Thank you for your help on this important issue!

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